

**SWAYNE ROBINSON & CO.**

Richmond, Wayne County, IN  
Revised April 4, 2000

**Site Location and Description**

The property is located at 214 E. Main Street.

Zip: 47374

**Site Uses and Past Activities**

The site was an operating gray iron foundry used to produce small cast iron products such as boat anchors, water pump houses and other small specialty items. It began operations in 1842 and was owned by the Robinson family for over 150 years until its closure due to bankruptcy in 1997. The foundry fell into disrepair and a major fire in April 1999 destroyed a portion of the structure.

**Contaminants and Impacts**

IDEM performed a Brownfield Environmental Assessment (BEA) on the site in 1999. The BEA revealed that no samples contained contaminants that exceeded VRP's Tier II Non-Residential Cleanup Criteria for surface soils, subsurface soils or groundwater. The VRP Tier II Residential comparison showed that estimated results for Benzo(a)anthracene, Chrysene, Benzo(b)fluoranthene, and Benzo(a)pyrene were all above the respective cleanup criteria for groundwater in one sample, and the estimated results for Dieldrin exceeded the cleanup criteria for one surface soil sample and one subsurface soil sample.

There were several drums containing unknown substances at the time of the fire. Due to the unsafe structure of the building, sampling could not be conducted in the area of the drums. However, IDEM oversaw the removal and disposal of most of the drums prior to the sampling. The remaining drums were to be removed and disposed of during demolition/cleanup of the site.

**Lead Agency**

IDEM

**Community Concerns**



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## **Brownfields Program Sites**

Swayne Robinson & Co.  
Site # BFD 4990001  
EPA ID# IND006033526

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The foundry had become an eyesore in the downtown area of Richmond. The recent fire had made the site a health hazard as well.

### **Actions Taken**

A Brownfields Environmental Assessment was completed by IDEM in October, 1999.

#### *Reuse and Redevelopment*

It is anticipated that a new jail will be built on the site.

### **Current Status**

Wayne County is moving forward with the redevelopment of the site.

### **Future Actions**

IDEM completed the BEA and forwarded it to the Wayne County Commissioners. IDEM will be available to the County should they have any future questions or concerns regarding the redevelopment of the site.

### **Cost Estimates**

IDEM Brownfields Environmental Assessments are paid for out of a grant from the US EPA at no cost to the recipient.

### **For More Information**

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